

**STANDARDS PRESENTATION  
TO  
CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD**

Attachment No. 1

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PROPOSED STATE STANDARD,  
TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4

Group 2. High-Voltage Electrical Safety Orders  
Article 36. Work Procedures and Operating Procedures

Amend Section 2940.8 to read as follows:

§2940.8. Material Handling.

(a) Unloading. Prior to and during the unloading of poles, crossarms and similar material, the load shall be thoroughly examined to ascertain if the load has shifted, binders or stakes have broken or the load is otherwise hazardous to employees. Where a hazardous condition is noted, positive means shall be taken to eliminate the hazard. Employees shall not stand on top or in the potential path of an unsecured load while unloading poles from pole dollies or utility trailers.

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(e) Attaching the Load. Hoist ropes shall not be wrapped around the load. This provision shall not apply to electric construction crews when setting or removing poles.

(f) Damaged or unstable poles, or sections of poles shall be guyed, braced or otherwise securely supported during pole removal operations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.